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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT FOR TEMPORARY MEDICAL
PERSONNEL SERVICES AGREEMENT**
(All Districts) (3 Votes)

Bruce A. Chernof, MD
Director and Chief Medical Officer

John R. Cochran III
Chief Deputy Director

William Loos, MD
Acting Senior Medical Officer

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to offer and sign Amendments, substantially similar to Exhibit I, to the Temporary Medical Personnel Services Agreements, to add new service categories, Electroencephalogram (EEG) equipment, on-call services for Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, and EEG Technician services, and Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) I and II, at the rate of payment specified in Attachment C, effective upon the date of Board approval through June 30, 2008.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

*To improve health
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service and education.*

In approving the recommended actions, the Board is instructing the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign amendments to the Temporary Medical Personnel (TMP) Services Agreements to add the provision of EEG equipment at County's request at a flat rate of \$50.00 per procedure, on-call services at the fixed rate of \$3.25 per hour, Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) I at a fixed rate of \$47.22 per hour and PSW II at a fixed rate of \$54.10 per hour to be provided to Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) facilities.

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's (RLANRC) EEG equipment often requires repairs which are costly and cause delays in the performance of EEG diagnostics exams. Currently, RLANRC has no alternative to provide certain diagnostic tests when the EEG equipment is not working. Under the recommended amendment, registries that provide EEG technicians would also provide the necessary EEG equipment, if required.



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Mediscan Diagnostic Services (Mediscan) currently provides EEG technician services at RLANRC and will provide the EEG equipment at a fixed rate of \$50 per procedure. The provision of EEG equipment by the registries would eliminate delays in diagnostic testing and the need for patient rescheduling caused by equipment breakdown.

In addition, RLANRC is also requesting to add on-call services for Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, and EEG Technician services. On-Call is defined as off-site availability by pager and/or telephone, according to a pre-determined schedule between Contractor and the County Facility. Contractor shall respond to such page and/or telephone call within five minutes and ensure that requested personnel arrive at the requesting County facility within 30 minutes of the acknowledged request from the County Facility's Director or his/her authorized designee. These services had been previously included in the prior standard agreements for temporary medical personnel services, but were inadvertently omitted from the standard agreements approved by your Board on June 21, 2005. RLANRC has very limited options in this area and on-call services would give RLANRC greater scheduling flexibility.

Olive View-UCLA (OVMC) is requesting to amend the TMP services contract to add PSW I and PSW II personnel. OVMC recently opened an additional Psychiatric Unit. Currently OVMC is not sufficiently staffed to support the needs of the new Psychiatric Unit. OVMC's need is temporary until positions are allocated.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated annual net County cost for the use of the EEG equipment and on-call services is \$7,500 (EEG equipment \$1,500, and on-call services \$6,000) and \$112,961 for PSW personnel. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

For a number of years, the County has contracted with Board-approved registry agencies for the provision of as-needed and part-time medical personnel services to address critical staffing shortages, peak workloads, unexpected emergencies, and vacation coverage at DHS facilities.

On December 21, 1998, the County contracted with registries for the provision of certain temporary medical personnel services at DHS facilities.

On December 19, 2000, the Board approved form renewal agreements with existing contractors through June 30, 2003.

On June 17, 2003, the Board approved one-year extension amendments effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

On April 27, 2004 and May 11, 2004, the Board approved two amendments: one to add the service categories of Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern as service categories, and the second to add Respiratory Care technicians services through June 30, 2007.

On June 21, 2005, the Board approved a new standard agreement effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

On December 20, 2005, the Board approved an Amendment to add two new services, Pharmacy Manager and Phlebotomist.

After canvassing DHS facilities that utilize EEG technician personnel through registries, it was determined that at this time, RLANRC is the only facility that does not have consistently operational EEG equipment on site to perform routine EEG diagnostic exams. If necessary, other DHS facilities may also receive these services.

At this time, Mediscan is the only TMP registry that has the capability to provide both EEG technicians and EEG equipment.

TMP services will continue to be utilized only for the most critical DHS facilities functions which County employees and County re-employment list personnel are unable to provide.

Attachments A, B, and C provide additional information.

County Counsel has approved the Amendment (Exhibit I) as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The Department has delegated authority to add new registries as needed, but the Department does not have delegated authority to add new service categories without returning to the Board for approval.

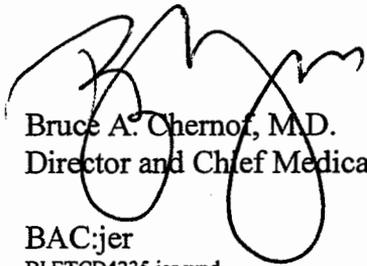
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will ensure the availability of necessary EEG equipment, on-call services and PSW personnel.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (4)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

1. TYPE OF SERVICES:

Provision of Electroencephalogram (EEG) equipment, Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) personnel and on-call services for Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, and EEG Technician services.

2. TERM:

The Amendment becomes effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2008.

3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The estimated annual net County cost for the use of the EEG equipment and on-call services is \$7,500 (EEG equipment \$1,500, and on-call services \$6,000), effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2008.

The estimated annual net County cost for PSW I and PSW II personnel is \$112,961, effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2008.

Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

4. PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Temporary medical personnel services and provision of EEG equipment, on-call services for Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, and EEG Technician services and PSW I & II.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MONITORING:

The administrators and medical directors at DHS facilities where services are provided will continue to monitor the contractors' performance.

6. Approvals:

Health Services Administration: Sharon Grigsby, Chief Network Officer

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (approval as to form): Sharon A. Reichman, Principal Deputy County Counsel

**TEMPORARY MEDICAL PERSONNEL SERVICES
CURRENT CONTRACTORS**

	CONTRACTORS	CONTRACT NO.	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
1.	Asereth Medical Services	H-700265-1	4-27-2004	6-30-2007
2.	Associated Health Care Professionals	H-701361	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
3.	Cardinal Health	H-701833-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
4.	CareMed Staffing Co., Inc.	H-700563	9-2-2004	6-30-2007
5.	Complete Therapy Services	H-701359-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
6.	Cross Country Tracvorps, Inc. dba Cross Country Staffing	H-701483	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
7.	Echo Tech Imaging	H-701363-1	12-20-2005	6-30-2008
8.	Golden Imaging	H-701868	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
9.	Mediscan Diagnostic Services	H-701397-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
10.	Mediscan Nursing Staffing, Inc.	H-700576	9-2-2004	6-30-2007
11.	Neonatal Respiratory Team	H-700839	2-1-2005	6-30-2008
12.	Neurotrace	H-701421	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
13.	Nurse Connection	H-701812-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
14.	Professional Respiratory Network, Inc.	H-701679-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
15.	Reliable Health Care Services	H-701360	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
16.	RTP/PRN, LLC	H-701844	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
17.	Pridestaff, Inc., dba RX Relief, Inc.	H-212003-5	1-1-2001	6-30-2007
18.	Siracusa Enterprises, Inc., dba Quality Imaging, Inc.	H-701398-1	12-20-2005	6-30-2008
19.	STAT Registry Service	H-700573	9-2-2004	6-30-2007
20.	Synaptic Technologies	H-701420-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
21.	The Registry Network, Inc., dba RTS/Medi-Temps	H-211940-4	1-1-2001	6-30-2007
22.	USC Radiology Associates	H-701680-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008
23.	X-PRT Medical Imaging	H-701362-1	7-1-2005	6-30-2008

PROPOSED RATES

Electroencephalogram (EEG) Equipment	\$50.00 Per Procedure
Psychiatric Social Worker I	\$47.22 Per Hour
Psychiatric Social Worker II	\$54.10 Per Hour
On-Call Services (For EEG Technician, Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound Services Only)	\$3.25 Per Hour